

The recent debates about media ownership rules highlighted the dangers of giving large corporations control over news content. Instead of serving the public interest as we once expected our broadcasters to do, giants like Sinclair are using their television stations to promote their own partisan political agenda. Sinclair's decision to air the anti-Kerry piece as "news" violates Democratic values and basic fairness.

I find the infiltration of party politics into "news" as exemplified by Sinclair and Fox to be more offensive than any shock-jock's foul language.

I urge the FCC to reconsider media ownership rules in light of this incident. Despite the rise of competing media outlets like the Internet, cable, satellite, etc. terrestrial broadcast television remains a vital source of information for many people. Letting this important national resource fall into the hands of a handful of irresponsible corporations is a fundamental threat to our democratic process.

I support strengthening, not weakening media ownership rules for television and

radio. I also would like to see a return to "serving the public interest" as a primary criteria for broadcast license renewal.

Thank you